

THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH SCHOOL

Instrumental Tuition Contract Academic Year September 2020 – August 2021

General

- Lessons may be given in groups of up to four pupils.
- Some lessons may be given on an individual basis. Decisions are based on ability, progress and whether there are any other pupils at the same stage on an instrument.
- Groups may be altered depending upon progress at any point in the year.
- Pupils may need to go on a waiting list for some instruments as lesson time is not always available.
- On occasions, pupils will be auditioned over a half term to determine who starts and who goes on a waiting list.
- Parents will be expected to accept liability for student's instruments when used and left at school
- Pupils will receive a minimum of 30 lessons per year. Often, more lessons are given at no extra cost.
- It is the student's responsibility to attend lessons. Any missed lessons for this reason are included in the minimum of 30.
- Lessons in the Autumn term will begin week commencing 14th September 2020.

Notice Periods:

- A half terms notice is required to cancel lessons.
- If you do not wish to continue tuition in the following term, notice must be received by the school by the following specific dates: Spring Term: Friday 23rd October 2020 Summer Term: Friday 12th February 2021
- Notice must be given using the online music cancellation form.
- Students in Years 11 and 13 will only receive lessons up to May half term in the summer term.
- If the correct notice is not given by the specified date, fees will be payable for the next term.

Payments:

- Tuition is charged at £100 per term.
- Tuition fees are payable before the first lesson of each term takes place.
- Deadlines for 2020/2021 tuition fees are as follows:
Autumn Term: Friday 11th September 2020 Spring Term:
Monday 4th January 2021 Summer Term: Monday 12th April
2021
- Students in Years 11 and 13 will be charged £50 for the Summer Term only as lessons will cease after the May half term.
- Lessons will not be given if fees have not been paid in advance.
- Exam costs will be invoiced separately and will need to be paid prior to the exam taking place.

- The charges are covered by the TGS Remissions Policy for parents who are unable to meet the financial requirements.

Discontinuation of lessons will occur for the following reasons:

- If a student fails to attend several lessons except in the case of illness or other valid reason.
- If a student does not practise and therefore makes unsatisfactory progress.
- If a student persistently leaves his/her instrument in the practice room at the end of the school day.
- If a student does not regularly attend school ensembles or does not contribute to the concerts held by the school.
- If parents/guardians do not pay for lessons within the prescribed time unless the Remissions Policy applies.

The school will provide a termly report on progress.

I accept that Thomas Gainsborough School cannot be held responsible for any musical instrument or equipment that my son/daughter takes to school.

Music Tuition Expectations

The students will be expected to:

- Attend all lessons, with their instruments and books.
- In the case of illness notice should be given by 9am on the day of the lesson (to allow for lessons to be rescheduled).
- Practise regularly so that sufficient progress can be made (5 times a week).
- Provide music books when required and to replace strings or reeds when necessary (consumable items).
- Regularly attend the rehearsals and concerts of at least one of the musical groups at school and students may also form their own ensembles which may perform in the concerts.
- To take their instruments home at the end of each school day to practise.

Parents/guardians of students will be required to:

- Encourage their son/daughter to practise regularly and monitor their progress.
- Students are also able to arrange practise in school with Mr Reynolds.
- Contribute a specified amount to the cost of lessons for each term, the rest of which will be paid by the school.
- The charges are covered by the TGS Remissions Policy for parents who are unable to meet the financial requirements.
- Pay the cost of any exams taken by the student and ensure that he/she can attend the exam.
- Accept liability for student's instruments when used and left at school.

The school will report on progress through Pupil Record Books.